

Fact Sheet
November 2002

Proposed Special Education Center

(First Church of Christ, Scientist Site)



Proposed Removal Action

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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Introduction

This fact sheet describes the environmental investigations and proposed cleanup activities for the expansion of the existing Horace Mann Elementary school and for a new special education school site planned for your neighborhood. The expansion will be on the First Church of Christ, Scientist property ("the Site"), located at 918 North Citron Street, Anaheim, California. The site cleanup will be conducted by the Anaheim City School District (School District) with the oversight of the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA).

The School District conducted an environmental investigation called a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA). The investigation results indicate that elevated levels of arsenic (exceeding naturally occurring levels) are present in soils at the site. As a result of the PEA findings, the School District is proposing a site cleanup known as a Removal Action.

LFR Levine Fricke (LFR), on behalf of the School District, has prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the cleanup of the arsenic affected soils at the Site. DTSC is accepting public comments on the proposed removal action during a 30-day public comment period starting on November 18, 2002.

Once the arsenic affected soil is removed, the Site will meet the State of California environmental standards for schools properties.

OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Thursday, December 12, 2002
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Horace Mann Elementary School
Library
920 N. Janss St
Anaheim, CA

You are invited to a DTSC Open House. At this Open House, DTSC will provide you with the findings of the environmental investigation and information on the cleanup (draft RAW). *Spanish translation will be provided.*

The DTSC encourages you to take an active interest in the cleanup activities by attending the meeting and submitting comments on the draft RAW.

Public Comment Period

You can review and submit comments on the draft RAW for this Site during the 30-day public comment period:

November 18 – December 17, 2002

Written comments on the draft RAW must be postmarked by December 17, 2002. The complete draft RAW and other project documents are available for public review at the local Information Repositories listed on page 3.



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Site Description

The approximately 1.36-acre site is currently developed with church buildings, a parking lot, and landscaping. The site is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Northgate Lane and North Citron Street in Anaheim. The site is bounded to the north by Northgate Lane, to the east by the School, to the south by single-family residences and to the west by North Citron Street.

The School District is proposing to expand the existing school and add a special education center at the site. The proposed construction will involve the demolition of all the existing church buildings and reconstruction of a new special education center at the site.

Site Investigations

The School District conducted the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in May 2000 and a PEA at the Site between January and May 2001. The preliminary field investigation consisted of soil sampling, historical information evaluation, and a health risk assessment. A PEA Report summarizing the findings was approved by DTSC on August 28, 2002. The School District performed an additional investigation to further evaluate the extent of arsenic-affected soils identified in the PEA and establish clean-up goals.

Environmental Investigation Results

The PEA investigation results indicate that the levels of arsenic (exceeding naturally occurring levels) are present in the upper 2 feet of soil across most of the Site and 5 feet below ground surface in some areas of the Site. DTSC requested the School District prepare a RAW to address the soil clean-up.

Removal Action Workplan Scope

The draft RAW, prepared in November 2002, identifies and screens possible removal action alternatives, based on effectiveness, ability to implement, and cost. **Soil removal and off-site disposal has been selected as the preferred cleanup alternative for the arsenic-affected soil at the site.**

Proposed Removal Action Activities

The soil removal fieldwork will be conducted with DTSC oversight. Soil removal areas will be fenced to reduce the potential of unauthorized people entering the work area. The arsenic-affected soil will be removed using conventional construction equipment and loaded onto trucks, covered and transported to an approved

offsite disposal facility. Approximately 250 truckloads will be needed to remove 4,485 cubic yards of soil. The removal is estimated to take 12 days. The trucks will exit the site and proceed north on North Citron St.

In order to control dust, the soil in the work areas will be lightly sprayed with water. Water mist may also be used on soil placed in the trucks. The trucks will maintain slow speeds for safety purposes and dust control. Air monitoring will be done to verify and document dust control efforts.

When the removal work is complete, confirmation sampling will be done to verify that the soil with arsenic have been removed. The removal areas will then be leveled and compacted with certified clean material, consistent with school construction specifications. A completion report will then be prepared and submitted to DTSC.

Notice of Exemption (NOE)

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively short project duration and the controlled manner in which the arsenic-affected soil will be removed, loaded onto trucks, and taken offsite for disposal/treatment.

What Happens Next?

Before making a final decision on the draft RAW, the DTSC will receive comments during the **30-day public comment period: November 18, 2002 - December 17, 2002**. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Mr. Sunil Kesavapillai, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Written comments must be postmarked by December 17, 2002.

Comments can also be submitted in person at the Open House scheduled for December 12, 2002, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Horace Mann Elementary School Library located at 920 North Janss Street, Anaheim, California.

After the public comment period, DTSC will evaluate all the comments submitted, then modify (if necessary) and approve the RAW. A copy of the Response to Comments will be mailed to everyone who submits written comments. If the removal action plan is approved, fieldwork will begin in spring 2004.

Community Survey

DTSC encourages the community members to participate in the decision-making process. As part of the community outreach, we have enclosed a brief community survey. **Please return the survey by December 2, 2002**, in the enclosed envelope to let us know your concerns, questions, and additional ideas for public outreach. Due to this very short notice, DTSC will accept comments by telephone at (818) 551-2917 and incorporate them in the Public Participation Plan (PPP). DTSC will conduct a community assessment involving interviews with residents, elected officials, and interested parties. Following completion of the community assessment, a Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be prepared and placed in the repositories listed in this fact sheet.

For More Information

If you have questions regarding the DTSC investigation or the proposed removal action, please contact:

Sunil Kesavapillai, DTSC Project Manager,
(714) 484-5334

Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist,
(818) 551-2917

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el:

Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.

Media Contact: **Jeanne Garcia**, DTSC Public Information Officer, (818) 551-2176.

Anaheim City School District Contact:

If you have questions regarding the proposed school construction, relocation or other school related issues contact:

Mr. Sergio San Martin, Facilities Planner,
(714) 517-7549.

Information Repositories

The Draft RAW, NOE and other project documents are available for public review at the following locations:

Anaheim Public Library

500 West Broadway
Anaheim, CA 92805
Contact: Reference Librarian
Phone: (714) 765-1880
Monday-Friday: 9am to 9pm
Saturday: 9am to 6pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control

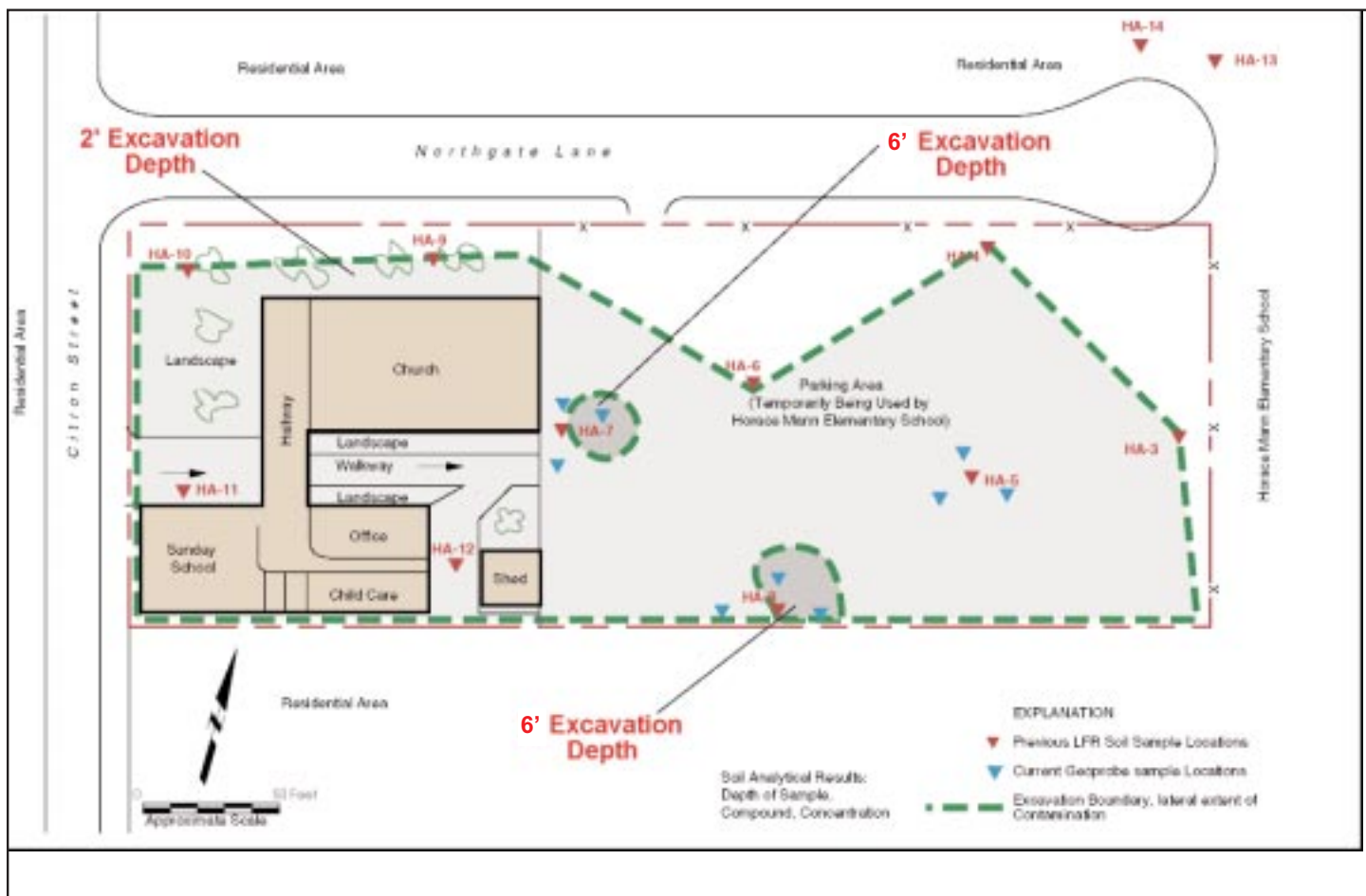
Regional Records office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Contact: Julie Johnson, (714) 484-5337
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about this removal action by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) or by calling Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2917.

Meeting Accessibility:

For information on meeting accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Maya Akula at (818) 551-2917.



Anticipated Excavation Boundaries and Depths